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GDOT funds constructing passing lane on US 1

LOUISVILLE-The Georgia Department of Transportation recently approved just under \$75,000 in Quick Response Program funding for installing a 300-foot, right-hand passing lane to help alleviate congestion and enhance safety on US 1/ State Route (SR) 4 around the SR 296 intersection in Jefferson County. This project, awarded to C&H Paving Inc., is set to begin Wednesday, Jan. 6 and take three days to complete weather permitting.

The Quick Response Program supports operational projects such as restriping, intersection improvements, turn lane additions and extensions that can be implemented in a short period of time and for under \$200,000. These proposals generally stay within the state right-of-way and require little if any utility relocation. The state funds will cover the entire passing lane construction cost.

Work is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. Jan. 6 and wrap up by the end of Friday, Jan. 8. Daily closures from morning to evening should be expected. A flagging operation is required due to the right hand northbound lane closure. The traveling public should expect flaggers for US 1 north and southbound and also for traffic incoming from SR 296.

C&H Paving, Inc. won't work over the weekend. If the job isn't complete due to weather, the crews will return to finish Monday, Jan. 11.

Remember that speeding fines increase in work zones. When going through work zones, drivers should expect the unexpected; don't speed; don't tailgate; obey road crew flaggers; pay attention to signs; stay alert; and minimize distractions.

In their 2015 legislative session, Georgia lawmakers addressed the state's critical transportation infrastructure needs with passage of House Bill 170, Georgia's transportation funding bill. The Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015 is expected to generate an estimated \$870 million in the first fiscal year. This sustained annual revenue will be used to fund much-needed routine maintenance and capital improvements. GDOT is planning now so that projects can advance quickly once funds are received starting in July 2016.

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